के परवाणु खनिज प्रभाग ने परवाणु खनिजों के लिए नियमित सर्वेक्षण कार्यक्रम के एक भाग के रूप में, मध्य प्रदेश में बालाघाट जिले के अनेक क्षेत्रों में यूरेनियम के लिए पूर्वेक्षण किया है । अभी तक उस क्षेत्र में आर्थिक दृष्टि से महत्वपूर्ण विकिरणसक्रिया खनिजों के किसी भी निक्षेप के होने का पता नहीं लगा है ।

(ख) और (ग) यदि इस क्षेत्र में आर्थिक दृष्टि से व्यवहार्य कोई निक्षेप पाया गया तो, यूरेनियम अयस्क का खनन करने और उसका पेषण करने के वास्ते एक परियोजना स्थापित करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया जाएगा ।

Implementation of Nucltar Power Project affected by Paucity of Funds

24S9. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Prime Minister be pleased 10 refer to the an wer to Unstarred Qu., t;._ ii ?.o?- given'rn iBelt ljya Sabha on 8th Decerns:;- 1994 and Si

(a) how far the paucity of funds has aff. •'. the implementation of the different HO ! i power projects and resulted in slowing ciawn of the nuclear programme; a>id #

(b) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to piovide adequate and timely funds for these plants so that these plants are completed in time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) tf the nuclear power projects originally included in the Eighth Five Year Plan, commencement of work on Tarapur 3 & 4 (2x500 MWe) Rajasthan 5 & 6 (2 x 500 MWe) and Kaiga, 3 to 6 (4x220 MWe) has been a fleeted due to constraints of funds, though advance action for procurement of equipment with long period has been taken.

M Filofts are on *tor* i ialdng rVailafte adenoidal resources from the Government within trt^werall resource availability, achie. ving better performance of the existing. Power Stations and vigorous action for realising of outstandings from the State Electricity Boards and also exploring, the possibilities of setting up of some of the Planned Schemes as Joint Sector Projects with the concerned State Governments. >

Mishaps in Nuclear Installations

2490. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been several mishaps iu our Nuclear Reactors and power plants etc. and if so, the details thereof for the nuclear installations since inception; including any other ancillary sterilization and irradiation plants ;

(b) whether in view of the new open prag matic policies of the Government if such mi shaps are made public speedily in order to get feed-back for improvements from the public and also make them alert from any dangers and promote accountability of the staff who prefer to hide such information ;and

(c) weether in view of the problems created by disposal of the spent fuel and other material and exorbitant costs and dangers incolved, Government would review its policies on nuclear power etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) The events in nuclear power plants have been classified by the International Nuclear Event Scale System of the International Atomic Energy Agency in a scale ranging from 0 to 7 in increasing order of severity. Events rated upto and including Level-3 arc classified as incidents and the incidents rated above scale-3 are termed accidents.

No nuclear accidents have so far taken place in any riticlear power plant in India. There hive beer, no mishaps in the ancillary sterilisation and radiation plants involving occupational workers/public.

(b) On nuclear safety the Government lias beeti pursuing a transparent policy. Government has responded promptly and taken appropriate measures whenever any incident has occurred in any nuclear installation. In case of incidents in nuclear installations, the information which merits public attention has always been made available and there is no attempt to withhold information from the public.

(c) The Indian nuclear energy programme dees not visualise the disposal of spent nuclear fuel as a waste. But it is being reprocessed to recover the fissile materials for reuse Bas fuel. Henee, the question of reviewing the.poljcy with respect to nuclear power does not arise.